

# Help Strengthen Youth Contributions to Resilient Food Systems!



Project Title	Help Strengthen Youth Contributions to Resilient Food Systems!
Project Summary	You will work closely with the USAID Bureau for Food Security Senior Youth Advisor to analyze and report trends and knowledge about youth, gender and food security, agriculture-led growth, resilience, nutrition, and water security, sanitation and hygiene. You'll conduct research and analyze and pres
Country	United States
Country/Region of Focus	Global

## Project Description

To achieve the objectives of the U.S. Government's Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS) and A Food Secure 2030 vision, we need to harness the creativity and energy of the world's largest generation of young people ever. Youth populations are growing at a rapid pace in developing countries: between now and 2030, 440 million young Africans will enter the labor market. At the same time, food systems are under heavy pressure. By 2050, the world will need 50 percent more food to feed a population of over 9.7 billion. Youth are essential partners on the journey to self-reliance. This journey is long, and young people must get involved as early as possible to help build the structural and agricultural transformations needed to move beyond foreign assistance. Young people are also critical to global stability, economic growth and development today and into the future. Youth empowerment and livelihoods are critical to achieving each of the GFSS objectives: 1) inclusive and sustainable agriculture-led growth, 2) strengthened resilience among people and systems, and 3) a well-nourished population, especially among women and children. Interns involved in this project will support the work of the USAID Bureau for Food Security (BFS) in strengthening youth contributions to inclusive development in line with the USAID Youth in Development Policy, the USAID Gender in Development Strategy and the Agency's Positive Youth Development approach. Intern/s will:

- Conduct trend analyses of key youth development indicators based on data available for USAID BFS priority countries.
- Update BFS information on the landscape of activities undertaken to engage youth in Feed the Future and other programming.
- Prepare research and issue briefs on topics related to youth, gender and food systems, with a focus on agriculture-led growth (including systems approaches), resilience, nutrition and water security, sanitation and hygiene.
- Research and write brief stories describing program approaches and impact, capturing in particular the voices and experiences of female and male young people in collaboration with points of contact in USAID country missions.
- Conduct literature reviews on relevant topics such as youth-focused, gender-sensitive market systems change approaches to agriculture-led growth and youth and water security.

- Suggest assignments based on interns’ own areas of interest and expertise as relevant to BFS inclusive development objectives.

## Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Analytical writing
Data analysis
Data visualization
Editing and proofreading
Research
Storytelling/blogging/vlogging
Writing

## Additional Information

Up to four interns will work on this project. Internships are the most successful when they involve not only the completion of a set of tasks outlined by the requesting agency but when they also offer opportunities for interns to propose ideas in line with their unique interests. Each intern will thus be welcome to propose and potentially pursue tasks they believe will support attention to youth in any area of the Bureau for Food Security's work. For more information, please see: <https://www.usaid.gov/who-we-are/organization/bureaus/bureau-food-security>; <https://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/transformation-at-usaid/fact-sheets/bureau-resilience-and-food-security-rfs>; <https://www.usaid.gov/policy/youth>; [https://www.feedthefuture.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/GFSS\\_TechnicalGuidance\\_Gender.pdf](https://www.feedthefuture.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/GFSS_TechnicalGuidance_Gender.pdf); <https://www.feedthefuture.gov/guidance-and-tools-for-global-food-security-programs/>.

## Language Requirements

*None*